



# NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture • Rural Development

1305 South Main, Suite 103, Henderson, Texas 75654

Phone: (903) 657-8221, Ext. 4 • Fax: (903) 657-2571 • TDD: (254) 742-9700 • Web: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx>

Date: February 8, 2006

Release Number TX 134.06

Contact Name: Joe Jones

Telephone Number: 903-657-8221, Ext. 4

Email: [Joe.Jones@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Joe.Jones@tx.usda.gov)

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES GROUND BREAKING FOR CITY OF JEFFERSON

**JEFFERSON, TEXAS, February 8, 2006--** Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today participated in a ground breaking ceremony at the City of Jefferson wastewater treatment facility which received \$1,989,000 through the agency's Community Program's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. The funds will be used to construct a new wastewater treatment facility to replace the existing facility.

"The USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Programs target public health benefits and economic opportunities in America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Projects such as this one in Jefferson will help make the environment cleaner and protect the public health for local residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, \$80.7 million of loan and grant assistance was distributed throughout rural Texas to 315,249 households. USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Henderson Local Office at (903) 657-8221, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



Assisting in the groundbreaking event include (left to right) City Administrator Corley Alexander, City Secretary Dorris Hines, Alderman Brad Smith, USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel, and USDA Rural Development Rural Development Manager Joe Jones.

Committed to the future of rural communities.

"USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender."

To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD).